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### QUESTIONS FOR FARMERS.

1. Ought a man to be taxed for improving his farm and giving employment to labor?
2. Is it better to tax men for building houses and barns and clearing their land, or to tax speculators for growing thistles and mullen stalks?
3. Does not idle land mean idle men?
4. Why should settlers be forced to seek homes in the backwoods, while there are thousands of acres unused, or only half used, near the centres of civilization?
5. Do not the many unused acres increase the cost of roads, hauling to market, and keeping the land free from weeds?
6. Why not seek out taxes where the speculator gathers his riches—namely, from land values?
7. If we had confined taxation to land values and thus discouraged the holding of more land than was required for use, would we have to do as much statute labor yearly?
8. Would farmers be compelled to pay such high prices, or to give such large mortgages to procure farms if taxation was confined to land values?
9. When a man gets a million dollars by land speculation, who has got to pay it? Did not some people who honestly earned that money have to lose it?
10. Public improvements add nothing to the value of houses, goods, or incomes. Then why should these things be taxed to pay for public improvements?